



City of Seattle

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Project Update

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Reservoir Covering Project Update

As indicated in our previous update, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has ordered the contractor to replace the waterproofing system over the 11 inch thick concrete roofs of the Beacon and Myrtle Reservoirs.

This does not pose any risk to the quality of the drinking water which undergoes regular testing by SPU's Washington State Certified Water Quality Laboratory.

At the Myrtle Reservoir site, the contractor has completed the application of the new waterproofing system on the reservoir. In September, the contractor will begin installing drain rock and soil, and hydro-seeding to establish grass. The site is scheduled to be turned over to Parks Department in November 2009.

At the Beacon Reservoir site, the application of the new waterproofing system is completed on half of the reservoir. The old waterproofing on the other half has been removed and the new system will be applied in September. The reservoir site is scheduled to be turned over to Parks Department in November 2009. Construction of the Jefferson Park Expansion Project by Parks Department has already begun on the north end of the Beacon site.

During the course of this work, either Myrtle or Beacon Reservoir may be taken out of service. Water service will not be impacted. Until the work is completed, the two reservoirs will remain fenced off.

If you have questions about the reservoir projects, please contact:

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